

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/IL 02/00861

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61F2/04

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	GB 1 518 654 A (CELESTIN L) 19 July 1978 (1978-07-19) page 1, line 35 - line 45 figure 1	1
A	CH 680 263 A (NORMAN GODIN) 31 July 1992 (1992-07-31) column 2, line 56 -column 3, line 1 figures 1,3,4	1

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